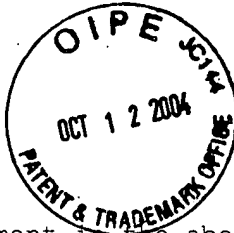


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 [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
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